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Dear Bob,

What a delight to hear from you and how thoughtful of you to send such kind words on my new appointment. One of the real treats of the whole event was the surprise I found as I went to the confirmation hearings before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Just the night before the hearings the Republicans changed three members of the Committee and in the process John Chafee was added to it! What a delight to have him as one of my interrogators.

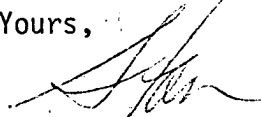
One of the other members of the Committee was Senator Goldwater who specifically made reference to having known me at the South Pole.

I enjoyed your capsule description of the National Board of Estimates and the problems that it encountered. I hope to recreate something like that to avoid the stagnation and resistance to change that you encountered. It may not be easy but I hope to try.

I also liked your concise summary of too many people, too much money, and too many peripheral functions. Sounds like good advice and I will take it to heart.

Again, thanks and very warmest wishes..

Yours,



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